



## **We Want to Hear from You!**

My friends in Christ,

One of my key responsibilities as a pastor is to ensure meaningful and reverent Liturgies for our parish family. To this end, I am asking for your feedback on an essential part of the Liturgy - the "homily." At each Mass, after the readings have been proclaimed, the priest or deacon has the responsibility to preach a homily. The homily is to be based on the Sacred Scriptures that were proclaimed. It is intended to provide context and insight on what was heard and relate the Word of God to our lives.

Each priest or deacon has his own style of preparing and delivering a homily, because each of us is a different, unique instrument of the Lord; but the homily should come out of a prayerful, personal reflection on the Sacred Scriptures of the day. And like each person in your family, we each have different talents and gifts.

For the next two months starting this weekend, we are asking members of our parish community to evaluate our homilies in light of content, delivery, and connection with the parish community. Before Mass begins, an usher will distribute an evaluation form to a number of parishioners on a random basis. I would kindly ask you to complete it immediately after Mass and place it in the "Homily Feedback" basket in the Narthex. Pens and clipboards will be provided by this basket. If you are limited on time after Mass, you can mail the form to the rectory or return it the following week.

(Please note: the submitter's name is NOT to be included on the form as the feedback is to be anonymous, allowing you to be as candid as possible.)

In anticipation of your feedback, I thank you for providing the clergy greater insights into your liturgical needs. Be assured all feedback will be used to inform and develop us to become more effective Ministers of the Word. Thank you for your help.

God bless!

Monsignor Francis W. Beach, Pastor